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Please mail completed common adventure forms to the secretary.

General Club Meeting

Held at **7:30 P.M.** on the first Wednesday of each month, normally in the large meeting room of the Idaho Falls Public Library.

NO GENERAL MEETING IN JULY.

Membership Fees

	Full Year	July 1 - October 1
Individuals:	\$20	\$15
Family:	\$25	\$20

After October 1, the payment of full year fee applies to the following year. Full-time students (18 or older) and seniors (65 or older): \$5 off the above fee schedule.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM

December Council Meeting:

Judy Williams' - 2344 St. Clair Rd

Bulletin Deadline:

Materials for inclusion in the next bulletin are due by the weekend before the council meetings.

Please send electronically to the bulletin editor at editor@idahoalpineclub.org

Note: Hand written or hard copy material will be included in the bulletin time permitting.

January Bulletin Deadline is:

Midnight January 15

Idaho Alpine Club Meeting

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP EARLY ~ ATTEND

THE 46TH ANNUAL WINTER BASH AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Wednesday, January 4, 2006, 7:30 PM

Community Outreach Center at 301 South Boulevard (New Soup Kitchen)

It is that time of the year again for the IAC Annual Winter Membership Party and to renew your membership in the IAC. If you haven't already renewed your membership or joined the IAC, start off the new year right, so you can enjoy the many benefits of being an IAC member. Membership renewal will be available.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a dessert or appetizer to share, as well as pictures and stories of the year's activities!! Drinks will be provided.

The party is open to the public. All outdoor enthusiasts are invited to attend.

For more information contact programs@idahoalpineclub.org, log onto the club website at www.idahoalpineclub.org, or contact D. Whitham at 520.1728.

President Speaks

Thanks to my fellow board members who have trusted me with the glamour job of being president of the Club while they toil unseen doing a lot of the unglamorous work behind the scenes. I would also like to thank the outgoing board members and officers: Michelle Benson, Tim and Betsy Adkison and Gary Vecellio for all the work they did over the last year for the Club. Rounding out our new officers, Alan Crockett has stepped up to be our vice president and Jeff Coward and Ken Krivanek have graciously agreed to continue serving as secretary and treasurer respectively.

I've been a member of the Club since 1981 or so and I guess that qualifies me as an old timer- or possibly just old. At any rate, there are a few others of you out there that have the wisdom of long years of experience and I would like to challenge you to a New Year's resolution to give our activity co-ordinators a hand and volunteer to lead one outing in your favorite activity during this next year. It will force you to get out and have some fun and will be much appreciated by our co-ordinators. I'll be the first to confess that I'm guilty of being lazy and letting others lead all the trips so I'll be volunteering to co-ordinate a hike this summer, one activity I feel competent in. Come to the January membership meeting and talk to the activity co-ordinators about trips you'd like to see or might be able to help out with. I hope to see you all there.

Bob

IAC Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 12/20/2005

Invitees: Tim Adkison, Betsy Adkison, Michelle Benson, Jeff Coward, Alan Crockett, George Cole, Gary Vecellio, Ken Krivanek, Bob Tyler, Sandy Pew, Leon Wolfram, Judy Williams (Attendees are underlined.)

Note Taker: Jeff Coward

- 1) Meeting call to order: 8:00 pm
- 2) Reading of previous month meeting minutes: approved
- 3) Treasurer's Report - (11/01/2005 through 11/30/2005):
Income - October: \$44.54
Expenses - October: \$156.83
Rafting Fund Balance: \$2,387.50
Overall Balance: \$3,224.05
Checking Balance: \$53.57
Members to Date: 101 as of December 20, 2005
Treasurer's Report approved by vote.

- 4) Old Business:
Trail Maintenance Coordinator
Alan volunteered to be the Trail Maintenance coordinator.
New Climbing Coordinator needed
Due to changing circumstances, volunteers for the climbing coordinator's and/or co-coordinator's positions are still needed. Council members have not been able to locate any potential replacements as yet. If anyone is interested in coordinating the Club's climbing activities, please contact a council member.
Island Park Winter Carnival
The Island Park Winter Carnival is scheduled for January 13-15, 2006. Planned activities include a cross-country ski race. Gary Campbell contacted Alan about help on coordinating that, and Alan gave him the names of some people who might be able to assist with him. More information can be found online at:
<http://www.islandparkchamber.org/wintercarnival.html>
E-mail from Pakistan
Tim will send a reply by snail mail.
- 5) New Business:
New Club Officers for 2006
President – Bob Tyler
Vice President – Alan Crockett
Treasurer – Ken Krivanek
Secretary – Jeff Coward
Members-at-large – George Cole (webmaster), Leon Wolfram, Judy Williams, Sandy Pew
January membership meeting
The annual membership meeting will be held at the same location as last year – the former Medical & Professional Credit Union building, now the Community Outreach Center, at 301 South Boulevard. Members are encouraged to bring their photos or activity information to share.
- 6) Administrative Business:
January Meeting
Michelle will get the key for the building and the contact person's info to Alan.
Alan will get an assortment of beverages & snacks.
Jeff will prepare additional blank membership cards & windows stickers.
January general meeting snacks: The club will provide beverages and some snacks.
Members should bring something to share.
January council meeting at: Judy Williams'
2344 St. Clair Rd
01/17/2006 7:30 pm
- 7) Meeting adjourned: 9:30 PM

Upcoming Programs

Winter Party
In the Footsteps of Bears

Banff Mountain Film Festival

Support the Nordic Ski Patrol
7pm Thursday Feb. 9, 2006
Colonial Theater
498 A Street Idaho Falls
Lobby opens at 6pm, general seating begins 6:30pm
Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 Day of Show

Available at:

Idaho Mountain Trading (523-6679)

474 Shoup Idaho Falls
Scott's Ski and Sports (232-1449)
244 N. Main Pocatello
Tickets to the Banff Film Festival will be available for purchase at the Winter Bash.

Cross Country Skiing / Snowshoeing

Contact Mark or Donna Whitham, 520.1728 or xcski@idahoalpineclub.org, for current trip information.

East Idaho XC-Ski Guides & Maps

Available on the Idaho Falls Ski Club Website:

<http://ifskiclub.com>

Bear Gulch-Mesa Falls Guide Map
Brimstone-Buffalo River Guide Map
Fall River Ridge Guide Map
Harriman State Park Guide Map
Harriman-Brimstone Connector Map
Kelly Canyon Nordic Area Guide Map

www.Delorme.com kindly allows the ski club to use these maps.

The IFSC Nordic Ski Schedule is available at:

<http://www.ifskiclub.com/nordic2.html>

Note: Membership in the IFSC is required to participate in the trips listed.

IFSC January Listing:

BRIMSTONE January 7, 2006
Reservation Deadline: 1/4/2006 Neil Schafer 524-4042

KELLY CANYON /NORM'S HILL January 14, 2006
Reservation Deadline: 1/13/2006 Norm Kramer 522-8677

POND'S LODGE TO HARRIMAN PARK DAY TRIP
February 4, 2006
Reservation deadline: 2/2/2006 Ken Katsma 523-0147

Winter on the Moon

Contact: Craters of the Moon Visitor Center staff
208-527-3257

Winter's snows accentuate the jagged black lava creating a landscape of dramatic contrasts. Although the loop drive is closed to automobile travel in winter, there are several excellent options for exploring the monument in winter...

Visitor Center: Daily from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., except for winter holidays

View exhibits and short audio-visual presentations to learn more about your national monument. There are also publications on sale in the book store about the cultural and natural history of the park and the region.

Cross-country Skiing/ Snowshoeing: Mid-December thru February

Recent snows have provided an excellent base for winter recreation. The 7 Mile Loop Drive is groomed for skiing as snow pack and staffing allows. Most of the Loop Drive follows relatively level terrain and can be completed in 2 to 4 hours. There are also excellent opportunities for snowshoeing throughout the park.

Winter Ecology Workshops: 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday January 14, 21, 28 and February 11 and 18

Explore a different side of Craters of the Moon on a Ranger guided winter ecology snowshoe walk and workshop. The workshop starts with a 45-60 minute classroom session followed by several hours out in the park on snowshoes. Snowshoes are available for use and there is no charge for these events. Reservations are required and participants need to be at least 10 years of age for this moderately strenuous walk. Call early to sign up for these popular excursions at 208-527-3257.

Weather and road conditions may change rapidly in winter so visitors should be prepared with appropriate gear for winter recreation as well as the proper equipment for winter driving conditions. Call ahead for updates on weather and snow conditions at (208)527-3257 or take a look at the snow via "Crater-Cam" at: www.nps.gov/crmo

XC Ski Snow and Grooming Reports:

Tamarack Resort

<http://www.tamarackidaho.com/snowreport/>

Lone Mountain Resort

http://www.lmranch.com/lmr_content/winter/ski_cond.shtml

Bohart Ski Ranch

<http://www.bohartranchxcski.com/weather.php>

West Yellowstone

<http://www.rendezvouskitrails.com/report.html>

Teton Valley (Driggs, Victor, Alta)

<http://www.tvtap.org/>

Harriman State Park Phone: 208-558-7368

A web cam at Rainbow Reality gives you an idea of the snow on the ground conditions: <http://www.rainbw.com/>

XC Ski Yellowstone National Park In Winter:

Book Yellowstone Nordic Ski Packages which do offer discounts by calling the individual reservations office at 307-344-7311 and requesting the Nordic Heaven package. This will include a welcome gift, breakfast each day of the stay, a snowcard per person (good for 10% discounts on SELECT gift shop, food, snowcoach transportation, activities, and ski shop items), 1 full day ski rental per person, 1 ski drop per person and 1 hour hot tub rental per room (at Mammoth only). This package is good at both Mammoth Hot Springs and Old Faithful Snow Lodge. Make reservations for snowcoach at the same time and receive 10% off with the snowcard.

Rafting

For information on submitting rafting permits for specific rivers this summer, contact Greg Hulet, 523-6199 or rafting@idahoalpineclub.org.

Bicycling

For fall and winter biking information, contact Jeff Coward at 522-8135 or send an e-mail to bicycling@idahoalpineclub.org

Chocks and Nuts:

Park 'N' Ski Information

While we all would prefer to ski free, Park N' Ski permits have financed much of the cross-country skiing development in Idaho during the past several years. Purchasing a pass provides a funding source for ski clubs and agencies interested in maintaining and developing cross-country skiing facilities. Services offered to skiers vary from year to year depending on volunteer support, donations and revenue generated through the sale of Park N' Ski permits. Poor snow years and no support of the program often translate into low income, thus reduced services. When you purchase a \$20 annual permit, or a 3-day temporary permit for \$7.50, the money is dedicated by law to be used exclusively for improving cross-country skiing opportunities. As such, the program has been widely supported by Nordic skiers statewide. When skiers purchase a permit, they are asked to designate a specific Park N' Ski area they would like to see improved. This gives skiers greater control over how and where the funds are spent.

For more information about the Park 'N' Ski Pick up a guide at one of the permit sellers in Idaho Falls, Pocatello, or Island Park. Two of the permit sellers in Idaho Falls are:

Idaho Mountain Trading 474 Shoup Ave Idaho Falls
Eastern Idaho Visitor Info 505 Lindsay Blvd Idaho Falls

AVALANCHE INTERNET SITES

Cyberspace Snow and Avalanche Center

This one stop site provides links to just about everywhere, plus tons of information about avalanche safety in the back-country: <http://www.csac.org/>

North America: <http://www.avalanche.org/>

Jackson Area: <http://jhavalanche.org/>

Bozeman Area:

<http://www.mtavalanche.com/current/index.shtml>

Island Park Area: <http://islandparksnow.net/>

Avalanche Safety Instruction:

<http://www.avalanchecourse.com/>

Take a simple quiz to see if you're really ready for that first winter trip:

<http://www.csac.org/Education/quizes/firsttour.html>

Avalanche Awareness Class

January 27-28: Offered through the Idaho Parks and Recreation ORMV education program which is funded by the state ORMV sticker program (similar to Park 'n' Ski permits). If you own or have access to sleds and avalanche gear including transceiver, this class covers the 8 steps to reducing your avalanche risk in an evening class on the 27th and out in the field (this is the day you do need sleds to ride into the Big Holes) on the 28th. The field portion even includes a mock burial. Note: Because the class is free, the sleds should have current ORMV stickers.

Contact Troy Elmore at IDPR for more information and or to sign up: 208.525.7121 or go to:

www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov.

Pack for Sale:

Dana Design Terraplane backpack. Mens medium.

Good condition. \$100.

Ken Katsma 523-0147

Climb Indoors at:

Stone Walls Rock Gym: Call 528.8610 for winter hours.

Grant Applications

Recreational Trails Program Project Funding to be Accepted Until January 27, 2006:

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation provides a variety of grants to government and private entities in Idaho for the creation and renovation of outdoor recreational facilities. Governmental entities and private organizations can apply for grant funding. All projects are reviewed by the Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee, which makes recommendations to the Idaho Park and Recreation Board for final approval.

Grant Forms are available at

www.idahoparks.org/about/grants_trails.html

**REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR
IAC MEMBERSHIP NOW**

IAC Logo T-Shirts!!

Short sleeves or long sleeves, crew neck, heather grey Dri Release material with club logo! Short sleeve \$12 each. Long sleeve \$21 each. Sizes Small, Medium, Large, and X-Large. The shirts are available at the monthly meetings, but if you just can't wait until the next meeting, contact Tim Adkison, 542-0786 to get yours sooner.

Bulletin Advertising

Members & Supporting Merchants:

Free space is usually available for members' ads for used or needed equipment. Free space (up to half pages depending on space) is also available to businesses that offer discounts to members.

Nonmembers:

Half page ad - \$25

12 half-page ads, purchased at the same time - \$20 each for a total of \$240

Full-page ad - \$40 12 full-page ads purchased at the same time \$33.34 each for a total of \$400.

Web Site News

Log onto the IAC web site (www.IdahoAlpineClub.org) to find the most recent club bulletins as well as all the posted club activities. Additionally, you can:

- Look up contact information for club officers and activity coordinators.
- Download membership applications and Common Adventure Release forms in PDF format.
- Check out club discounts with local merchants
- See what club equipment is available to paid up members
- Read the club By-Laws
- Search the club classified ads or post your own ad
- View pictures from recent club activities
- Check out club members' Restaurant Reviews or submit your own review
- Find links to other cool outdoor websites

Activity coordinators and officers wishing to publish information on the web site can contact the IAC Webmaster (George Cole) at 522-4084 or Webmaster@IdahoAlpineClub.org

Support merchants who support the IAC:

- ★ Idaho Mountain Trading
Shoup & B, Idaho Falls - 523-6679
- ★ Canyon Whitewater Supply
450 S Yellowstone, Idaho Falls-522-3932
- ★ Free Heel and Wheel,
40 Yellowstone Ave. West Yellowstone, Montana,
406-646-7744.
- ★ Discounts on Jerry Painter's Hiking & Biking guide books

IAC Stickers

Two styles: 4.25" high x 3.5" wide with the IAC logo, web address, and list of club activities. 1.5" high x 11" wide "Idaho Alpine Club" sticker. The stickers are white graphics on a transparent background with adhesive on the face so they can be applied to the inside of a window on a vehicle. 50 cents per sticker or \$1 if you want one mailed to you. Contact the club Treasurer to obtain stickers.

Trail Etiquette & Safety

- Be considerate of other traffic on all trails.
- Yield to skiers on a downhill run.
- Make every effort to clear the trail if you stop or fall.
- Do not walk or snowshoe on either skier set or machine set ski tracks on marked ski trails. Note: Skiers may choose to skin up or run down a snowshoe track that is marked or may even parallel a ski trail to avoid breaking trail but that is their choice.
- Ski under control always; avoid trails that are beyond your ability.
- Register your trip at the trail sign-in locations; use trail maps and signs to plan your trip.
- Let someone know where you will be and when you expect to return before leaving town.
- Ski with a partner, especially on the ungroomed trails and back country ski runs.
- Make it a habit to carry the 10 "E's"; extra gear, water, snacks, flashlight, a compass or a GPS, trail or area maps, a cell phone (very poor reception if any except for on the ridge tops in most areas), and fire starting tools, even on short trips.
- Be aware that trail conditions can change greatly with changing snow, trail and weather conditions.
- Watch for and yield to trail grooming equipment.
- Keep your dogs under control (leash or in your immediate line of sight) and off of groomed tracks, and clean their refuse from the trail. Remember even other dog lovers do not care for someone else's dog showing up unsupervised, ill mannered, and leaving refuse in the trail.

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IAC MEMBERSHIP NOW
DON'T MISS THE FUN:
ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER
OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS
MONTHLY PROGRAMS
MONTHLY BULLETIN
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PARTIES**